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MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the Kansas National Guard

SUBJECT: TAG Policy Letter #23, Motorcycle Accident Prevention

1. As motorcycling continues to become an increasingly popular mode of transportation and recreation, it is imperative that our Kansas National Guard Family be aware of the educational and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements for operation of motorcycles. The Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.4 the DOD Traffic Safety Program and AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents, dictate the educational and PPE requirements for civilians and military personnel operating motorcycles.
2. All AGR personnel must comply with the requirements of the appropriate regulations both on and off duty. Traditional soldiers and airmen will comply with the regulatory guidance when performing in any military status operating a motorcycle. Off duty compliance is strongly encouraged.
3. The current regulations require that everyone operating a motorcycle in conjunction with Para 2, is required to have completed a motorcycle safety course commensurate with those provided by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. The information about these courses and availability may be obtained from the State Safety Manager or Wing Safety Personnel.
4. The minimum required Personal Protective Equipment in accordance with current regulations is a Department of Transportation approved helmet, face shield or approved goggles properly attached to the helmet, sturdy over the ankle footwear, long sleeved shirt or jacket, long pants, full fingered gloves or mittens designed for motorcycles and a brightly colored outer garment vest/belt/riding jacket (day) / retro-reflective upper garment (night).
5. The State of Kansas does not have a helmet or PPE requirement except for protective eyewear when a windshield is not in place and a helmet requirement for those under 18 years of age. This policy is to illustrate that regardless of State requirements, Military and DOD Civilian personnel have a requirement to comply with the appropriate regulations when acting in conjunction with these positions.

  
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